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## EXTRA SESSION.

From the dispatches published in the Astorian it is evident that there will be no extra session of congress as was contemplated at one time by President Roosevelt.

A disposition has been shown in some quarters to question the value of an extra session of congress if that session is not to be called until after the November elections. It has been said that little or nothing can be gained by insisting on a "certain rise" meeting of not more than three weeks. It is argued the game is not worth the candle, especially if the members of the two branches find a way to vote themselves double mileage allowances.

But this view, though plausible, is based on serious misconceptions. It is not likely, in the first place, that congress will authorize the payment of double mileage. Technically an excellent case can be made out by those who hold that one session can not be merged into another and that mileage is collectable for each separate session, no matter how minute the interval which marks the separation. Two years ago only a "conservative recess" intervened between the termination of the first and the beginning of the second session of the 5th congress. The house of representatives decided by a vote, however, that there had been an actual break, and that its appropriations committee had followed precedent in reporting a second mileage appropriation. Then the house unanimously waived its claim to compensation. A year later it revenged itself and voted to accept "constructive mileage." But the senate refused to sanction this payment, and the mileage grab paragraph perished in conference. With such a record confronting and with the knowledge that popular sentiment is becoming more and more intolerant of deflections from scrupulous conduct in public life, the new congress will hardly venture to stand on technicalities and vote itself compensation for travelling expenses incurred only in imagination.

It is equally beside the point to argue that legislation will be in no way expedited by bringing the two houses together three or four weeks ahead of the regular session date. As a matter of fact, the gain made is more material than it seems to be on the surface. It is a commonplace in Washington that each new congress which assembles on the first Monday in December wastes practically the first five weeks of the session. Before the committees can be announced the holiday season comes on, and little or no work is undertaken until near the middle of January. If congress meets in any other month than December there is no valid excuse for delaying organization, and within two weeks the committees are named and the wheels of legislation begin to turn. Instead of backing and filling and merely making time, the two branches fall to work, and the Christmas recess, when it does arrive, constitutes no serious interruption to business.

The advantages of a little earlier start were strikingly demonstrated in the history of the last congress. That body met on November 9, 1903, and sat in extraordinary session until December 5, 1903, when the regular session opened; but the impetus gained in those four extra weeks enabled those two houses to bring the session to a close on April 20, 1904. No necessary tasks were slighted, yet an adjournment was taken earlier than any other long session year since 1818. The incoming congress must wrestle with unusually difficult and important legislative problems. It needs time and a free hand to do its work, and this work will be materially facilitated by adopting the expedient of a brief November session—an expedient which has already proved its helpful quality.

## JOY FOR A DAY.

As a drowning man grasps at a straw, so does the democratic press of Oregon grasp at the election of Dr. Lane as mayor of Portland as a great democratic

victory. The inherited habit of the democracy claiming everything in sight has afforded them solace in the hours of tribulation and defeat. The Astorian desires to impress upon the minds of the democratic editors of Oregon one undeniable fact, and that is, that no democrat can be elected in the city of Portland, or the state of Oregon, without republican votes. There are a large number of independent voters in the ranks of the republican party. There are no independent voters in the ranks of the democratic party. The democratic party will not tolerate independence in politics. A man must be either a democrat or nothing—in their estimation. The reason why the democratic party keeps up its organization in Oregon is that they occasionally fall in for a seat at the political crib through republican dissatisfaction.

As a rule, a voter votes his party principles at a presidential election. There are no local issues; no political debts to be paid; no factional fights. If the republicans of Clatsop county voted their party ticket at county elections, the same as they do at the presidential elections, it would be impossible for a democrat to be elected to office. Clatsop county has never given less than 600 majority for the republican candidate for president for the past 12 years. In 1900 the vote was as follows: McKinley, 1329; Bryan, 688; republican majority, 641. In 1904 the vote was: Roosevelt, 1407; Parker, 339; republican majority, 1068. In 1896 McKinley's majority was 715.

In Multnomah county in 1900 McKinley's majority over Bryan was 5312. In 1904 Roosevelt's majority over Parker was 11,378. In Oregon in 1900 McKinley's majority was 13,141 and in 1904 Roosevelt's majority was 42,988. These figures show that both Multnomah and Clatsop counties are strongly republican and if the republicans had voted their party ticket in Portland Williams would have had over 5,000. But certain local issues prevailed in Portland, which have been discussed in the Astorian. Local issues prevailed in Clatsop in a local election, not so much in the county precincts as in the city of Astoria. There are about 1600 votes in Astoria in the proportion of 1,000 republicans to 600 democrats. If 250 republicans vote the democratic ticket, the democrats elect their candidate.

Most of the republicans who vote the democratic ticket are among the large taxpayers, and they are today the very men who are kicking about extravagance in the city and county affairs. Whose fault is it? When men are elected to important positions in the city and county who do not either understand the application of business principles to the administration of city business, or do not conduct the business of the city with the care they do their own, extravagance is the inevitable result. Experience has demonstrated that nothing has been gained by the election of democrats to office, but it has deterred many business men who should be at the head of affairs in both the city and county government, to run for office, simply because they can not depend upon the votes of the members of their party. Of course, the democratic contingent claim that the business affairs of the city and county are and have been economically administered, but this is simply to keep them in power, the facts do not bear out the assertion.

Notwithstanding that there has been an increased valuation of city property the tax levy each year is the same—10 mills. More money is raised every year, but the indebtedness of the city has not been reduced one dollar in the past five years, but has increased until today it is nearly up to the limit. In many counties of the state where increased assessments have been made the entire county indebtedness has been wiped out, but it is different in Clatsop county. The question resolves itself down to one question: when will the republicans of Astoria and Clatsop county nominate and elect business men to administer the business affairs of both branches of government? The Astorian is in favor of calling a convention of the republican business men and taxpayers for the approaching election and nominate the best and most conservative men from their ranks, and in this way and in no other, will the business of the city be placed on a business basis and taxes be reduced. It is a useless waste of time and energy to kick about extravagance when the kickers make no effort to remedy the existing evils.

## WHY NOT ENFORCED.

There is a state law and also a city ordinance prohibiting minors from being in saloons, yet the law and ordinance is being violated nearly every day. A visitor in Astoria, who arrived on the Sunday night train, a former resident, took a trip in certain quarters of the city, and expressed surprise at the number of small boys congregated in certain establishments. When men are compelled, or make a pretense, of swelling their receipts from the wages of minors, it is either time that there were fewer saloons or the laws more strictly enforced. No

one desires to criticize the guardians of the peace in Astoria, for it is presumed that they are doing their duty and following instructions, but one thing is evident, there is a laxity of enforcing the laws and ordinances against permitting minors in saloons. It is this fact that is building up a strong sentiment in Astoria in favor of local option. If it is carried, which seems certain, especially in the east end, the success of local option can be attributed to two things. The non-enforcement by the police and the violation of the ordinance by the saloon men. No respectable saloon will tolerate a minor or allow him to be in his place of business, and the result will be, that the lower grade of saloons will be closed up, and it is only a matter of a very short time when the results in Uniontown will obtain in other sections of the city.

The Astorian has no fight to make against saloons. They come in the "category of necessary evils," but when they overstep the bounds of decency and have no respect for the laws, they must be closed for the protection of the young boys of Astoria. The homes and families of Astoria must be protected, and while this duty devolves upon the police force, it may be necessary in the near future to call in the sheriff to perform the duties incumbent upon the police.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents  
With Comments by a Layman.

The Portland quartette is now composed of Larry Sullivan, Harvey Scott, Fred Merrill and Francis Heney. You ought to hear them warble.

Norway is tired of boarding with Sweden and is going to housekeeping on its own account.

It now looks as if a government of grand dukes, by grand dukes and for grand dukes must perish from the earth.

It is about time to end this Edward Atkinson talk about a woman dressing on \$65 a year. The proprietors and the law require that she wear something besides a hat.

Kid McCoy is married again and yet some of his rivals have the nerve to accuse him of having cold feet.

Governor Douglas, of Massachusetts, says he will not run again as it interferes with his business. So that's where the shoe pinches.

A Portland man killed himself so that his wife might be happy and now she is in mourning for him. Some women are never satisfied.

The people of St. Louis can now grin in their sleeves while they wait until Portland gets hers.

We feel sorry for Portland if the tourists stop over in Seattle. There will not be anything left.

Astoria saloon keepers advertise the Togo cocktail, but what is really wanted is the Rojstevsky cocktail—one that will stay down.

If the relations continue strained between Norway and Sweden we may look for a civil war in Minnesota.

"The rolling stone gathers no moss" is—the favorite proverb of the mossback—the man who never makes a move or advances a new idea.

The busiest sweet girl graduate in the bunch is the one that gets her diploma one week and her marriage certificate the next.

The country man who doesn't raise enough vegetables to supply his own table is generally the man who wears the look that won't come off.

They say that it costs only \$7.40 to see the trail at the exposition. The fellow who compiled these figures, however, fails to say whether he had any fun on the streets of Cairo or elsewhere.

New York has passed a bill making newspaper men ineligible for jury duty. Seems as if the day of intelligent juries is as far away as ever.

The Post-Intelligencer will pay a million dollars a minute, and all expenses paid, to anyone who will prove that the Seattle Times ever told the truth at any time about its circulation or anything else.

It was a Seattle child not yet three years old, who, having been punished by her mother, called up her father on the telephone for sympathy. "Papa," was the call that his stenographer heard on answering the phone. "Why, it's the baby," she said to her employer. The startled man, with visions of disaster in his mind, caught the receiver and said:

"What is it, baby?" "Mamma 'panked me," came the reply. What do you want me to do about it?" asked the relieved and amused parent. "Tome wight home and b'ing me a pound of tandy," said the child.

W. L. Robb—I have written the praises of all of these lots but one. I'm afraid you can't sell that.

Dick Davies—What's the matter with it?

Robb—Why, it's almost on a perpendicular hillside.

Davies—Call attention to its wonderful drainage facilities.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE  
First National Bank

At Astoria, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, May 20th, 1905.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$328,264 07
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	4,287 23
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	73,380 00
Other real estate owned	6,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	8,293 59
Due from state banks and bankers	79,017 82
Due from approved reserve agents	93,819 68
Checks and other cash items	107 76
Notes of other national banks	1,245 00
Nickels and cents	441 39
Lawful money reserve in bank viz:	
Specie	\$129,500 00
Legal-tender notes	450 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625 00
Total	\$737,933 54

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	29,408 91
National bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$444,748 97
Demand certificates of deposit	150,912 66
Certified checks	363 00
Total	\$737,933 54

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON,  
Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of June, 1905.

V. BOELLING,  
Notary Public.  
(Seal)  
Correct—Attest:  
G. C. FLAVEL,  
W. F. MCGREGOR,  
JACOB KAMM,  
Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE  
Astoria National Bank

At Astoria in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, May 20th, 1905.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$343,811 53
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,807 91
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	750 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	35,941 99
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	3,985 00
Other real estate owned	4,375 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	4,865 22
Due from state banks and bankers	7,743 37
Due from approved reserve agents	113,308 18
Checks and other cash items	1,213 48
Notes of other national banks	975 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	680 56
Lawful money reserve in bank viz:	
Specie	\$ 72,239 20
Legal tender notes	2,561 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625 00
Total	\$609,442 44

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	31,563 80
National bank notes outstanding	11,400 00
Due to approved reserve agents	26,639 73
Individual deposits subject to check	\$250,186 07
Demand certificates of deposit	24,301 87
Time certificates of deposit	204,138 97
Certified checks	1,221 00
Total	\$609,442 44

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS,  
Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of June, 1905.

GEO. C. FULTON,  
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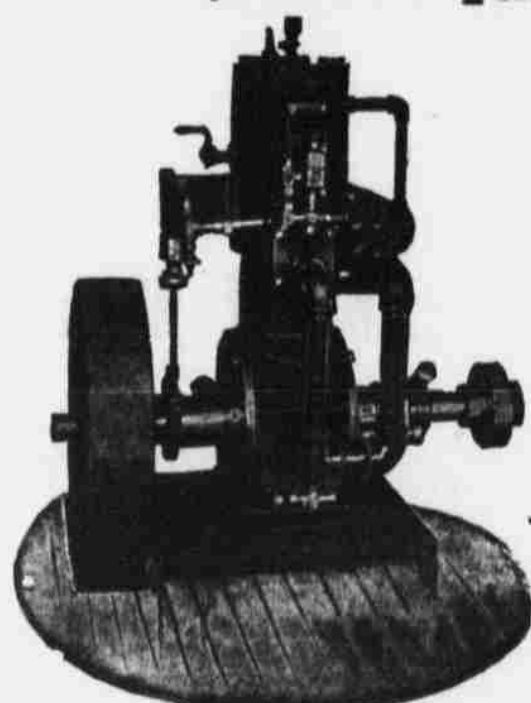
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